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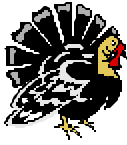
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. Demand light to moderate with most interest noted for deferred shipments. Offerings were light, instances short. The parts and meats trading was slow. Offerings are limited. Demand was light to fairly good.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on thigh meat and tom drums, balance slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were limited.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 22, 2005**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-85	78-85	81.06	49.8	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-84	81.5-83	81.97	64	83.50	40	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-81	81	81.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	79	79.00	106	81.00	42	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF SEPT 23, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	81.50	79.00	75.11
CENTRAL REGION	78.78	79.30 **	74.06
WESTERN REGION	80.20 **	79.90 **	75.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	81.00	79.00	74.00
CENTRAL REGION	79.06	78.40 **	74.00
WESTERN REGION	78.70 **	78.40 **	74.00 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	75-88
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-82
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-82

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	116-129

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Sep 26, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	87.70	510,000
16-24 lbs.	86.00	30,000

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	555,000
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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 17-Sep-2005 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
North East	848	18	23.74	(A)	850	23.74
South Atlantic	747	9	30.20	(A)	749	30.20
North Central	2,154	17	30.67	(A)	2,156	30.67
South Central	711	26	18.16	(A)	713	18.16
West	373	17	25.87	(A)	374	25.87
U.S. total	4,833(B)	17	27.18	9	4,842	27.18

To-date

2005 160,639(B) 153 160,792

To-date

2004 160,271(B) 281 160,552

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 25,000; for the current year to date 866,000; for last year to date 1,913,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August	454,100*
September 1 - 17, 2005	249,177*

To date 2005 3,667,770\*

To date 2004 3,605,157\*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 17-Sep-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
<u>Thousands</u>					
Head	2,030	2,778	25	9	4,842
Avg Wt	16.27	35.16	24.62	31.70	27.18
Last week	1,682	2,439	7	1	4,129
Same wk yr ago	1,759	2,730	87	6	4,582
Avg Wt	15.64	35.84	23.70	28.90	27.84
To-date/2005	64,708	95,065	866	153	160,792
To-date/2004	64,109	94,249	1,913	281	160,552

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2005.

The market tone on white meat was steady to firm with tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim in the strongest positions. Demand ranged from light at best on frozen wing meat with skin to good on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim. Offerings of tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim short to instances light; balance of white meat light and held with confidence. The market tone on tom drums was steady to weak with some willing to negotiate to clean up inventories. Offerings available. The market tone on rib breast was steady to firm with inventories held with confidence. Demand light to moderate. Trading active on tom necks and tom drums for export, balance slow. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 84, fresh scapula 119, breast trim 169 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 36-37.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	114.00-115.00		114.80	100
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00-164.00		158.19	31
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	103.43	140
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	47.00		47.00	38
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	47.00		47.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	43.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00		38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	34.00		34.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	47.00		47.00	65
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	119.00-130.00		124.24	21
NECKS, TOM	37.00		37.00	3
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	232.00		232.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	270.00		270.00	120
THIGH MEAT	92.00		92.00	6
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	93.00		93.00	6
BREAST TRIM MEAT	165.00		165.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	110.00		110.00	55
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	234.00		234.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	69.15	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.50		25.50	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-47.50		42.48	820
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	32.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	31.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	91.00-92.00		91.67	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on white meat continued steady to firm. Demand light to good, best on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim. Some buyer resistance starting to be noted on the higher trending breast meat prices while other buyers ponder the need to raise finished product prices. Offerings short to light and held with confidence. The market tone on tom drums steady to instances weak, tom 2-joint wings steady, balance steady to firm. Demand on tom drums light to moderate, balance moderate to good. Offerings of tom drums mixed, mostly adequate to ample; tom 2-joint wings adequate; balance light and spotty. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: mixed breeder wings 35 shipping point, frozen -20% mechanically separated turkey -160 days age 18, livers 23 (pet foods), tails 27, yearling hen drums 39, frozen wing meat with skin (February, 2005 production) 66, fresh scapula 117-119, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 125, plant grade non-basted 14-16 lb. breasts 165, fresh breast trim 175.50, frozen breeder breast meat 213 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 36, fresh tom drums 46, fresh thigh meat 92 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	112.00-115.00		112.60	200	112.84	380
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.19	31	154.74	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	108.00		108.00	40	108.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00-47.00		46.70	203	46.81	321
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	46.00		46.00	40	46.67	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	43.00	80	43.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00-41.00		38.43	144	37.51	284
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	12	34.23	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	46.00-47.00		46.39	155	47.07	380
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	20	120.71	41
NECKS, TOM	36.00-40.00		36.45	203	36.22	246
NECKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	25	25.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	238.00-240.00		239.64	11	234.03	71
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	272.00-277.00		273.95	210	268.14	650
THIGH MEAT	92.00-94.00		92.67	9	91.22	95
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	92.00-93.00		92.29	28	92.41	34
BREAST TRIM MEAT	165.00-171.00		166.10	49	164.56	149
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00		111.00	32	111.20	127
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00-68.00		67.44	72	68.16	124
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	226.00		226.00	7	228.20	327
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	24.00	80	24.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	22.00-24.00		22.86	28	24.81	124
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	42.48	820	43.68	1,260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	32.00	52	32.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	40.00		40.00	156	40.00	156
TAILS		M	31.00	20	31.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	92.00-94.00		92.67	120	91.94	716

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